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Designating the week beginning May 13, 2001, as “National Biotechnology Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LOTT (for Mr. HUTCHINSON) (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INHOFF, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. KERRY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas biotechnology is increasingly important to the research and development of medical, agricultural, industrial, and environmental products;

Whereas public awareness, education, and understanding of biotechnology is essential for the responsible application and regulation of this new technology;

Whereas biotechnology has been responsible for breakthroughs and achievements that have benefited people for centuries and contributed to increasing the quality of human health care through the development of vaccines, antibiotics, and other drugs;

Whereas biotechnology is central to research for cures to diseases such as cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, heart and lung disease, Alzheimer’s disease, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and innumerable other medical ailments;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to crop yields and farm productivity, and enhances the quality, value, and suitability of crops for food and other uses that are critical to the agriculture of the United States;

Whereas biotechnology promises environmental benefits including protection of water quality, conservation of topsoil, improvement of waste management techniques, reduction of chemical pesticide usage, production of renewable energy and biobase products, and cleaner manufacturing processes;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to the success of the United States as the global leader in research and development, and international commerce;

Whereas biotechnology will be an important catalyst for creating more high-skilled jobs throughout the 21st century and will lead the way in reinvigorating rural economies; and

Whereas it is important for all Americans to understand the beneficial role biotechnology plays in improving quality of life and protecting the environment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week beginning May 13,
3 2001, as “National Biotechnology Week”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling upon the people of the United States

- 1 to observe the week with appropriate programs, cere-
- 2 monies, and activities.

